

Navigating the process for accessing medical and behavioral health services for the children and families we serve can sometimes be confusing and difficult. We would like to be a resource for you in that process!

Did you know that you can request a Good Cause Exception if you are unable to complete a medical and/or dental EPSDT?

A GCE (Good Cause Exception) is an exemption from completing the annual EPSDT medical or bi-annual dental EPSDT.

- A GCE **IS NOT** a waiver. A waiver is a request that an EPSDT be done at a location other than the Health Department. Waiver requests can be made to Patty.Slade@tn.gov.

What justifies a GCE?

- When a youth is on runaway
- When a youth is hospitalized or is experiencing serious medical issues that would prevent/delay a screening
- If the youth is a flight or safety risk and cannot be transported
- Youth is over 14 and refuses to complete the full EPSD&T medical and/or dental (and signs ***Release of Medical Responsibility, CS-0093***)

How to request a GCE

Please send the following information to your regional Health Advocacy and Well-Being Unit Staff:

- Child's Name
- Person ID
- Type of Service (Medical or Dental EPSDT)
- Date EPSDT was due
- Detailed narrative of why the EPSDT was not able to be completed
- Attach a Release of Medical Responsibility (if necessary)